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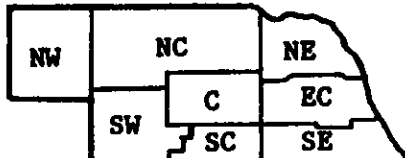
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WEATHER

The last week of the month was mild with widespread, light precipitation. Average temperatures ranged from 4 to 10 degrees above normal. Precipitation in the form of rain and snow averaged .10 to .20 inch except in the southeast where moderate rain showers produced .50 to .75 inch toward the end of the week.

GENERAL

Weekly temperatures averaging 4 to 10 degrees above normal characterized the month of January. This was in contrast to last year when weekly temperatures ranged from 10 to 20 degrees below normal. As of January 28, snow depth across Nebraska averaged just over 2 inches. However, this varied from trace amounts in the Panhandle to over 6 inches in the Northeast.

During January, farmers' and ranchers' attentions turned to livestock care, record keeping, machinery repair, farm sales, and checking on the quality of stored grains. In addition, considerable time was being spent planning strategy for the coming year in light of the newly announced PIK farm program.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 9% fair, 88% good, and 3% excellent. This is nearly the same rating given to the crop last year at this time. Limited wind erosion of crops has occurred in some Panhandle areas; however, damage has been reported as light. Winter kill has not been a concern so far this winter except for low-lying areas where patches of ice exist. More snow cover in western counties would be welcomed.

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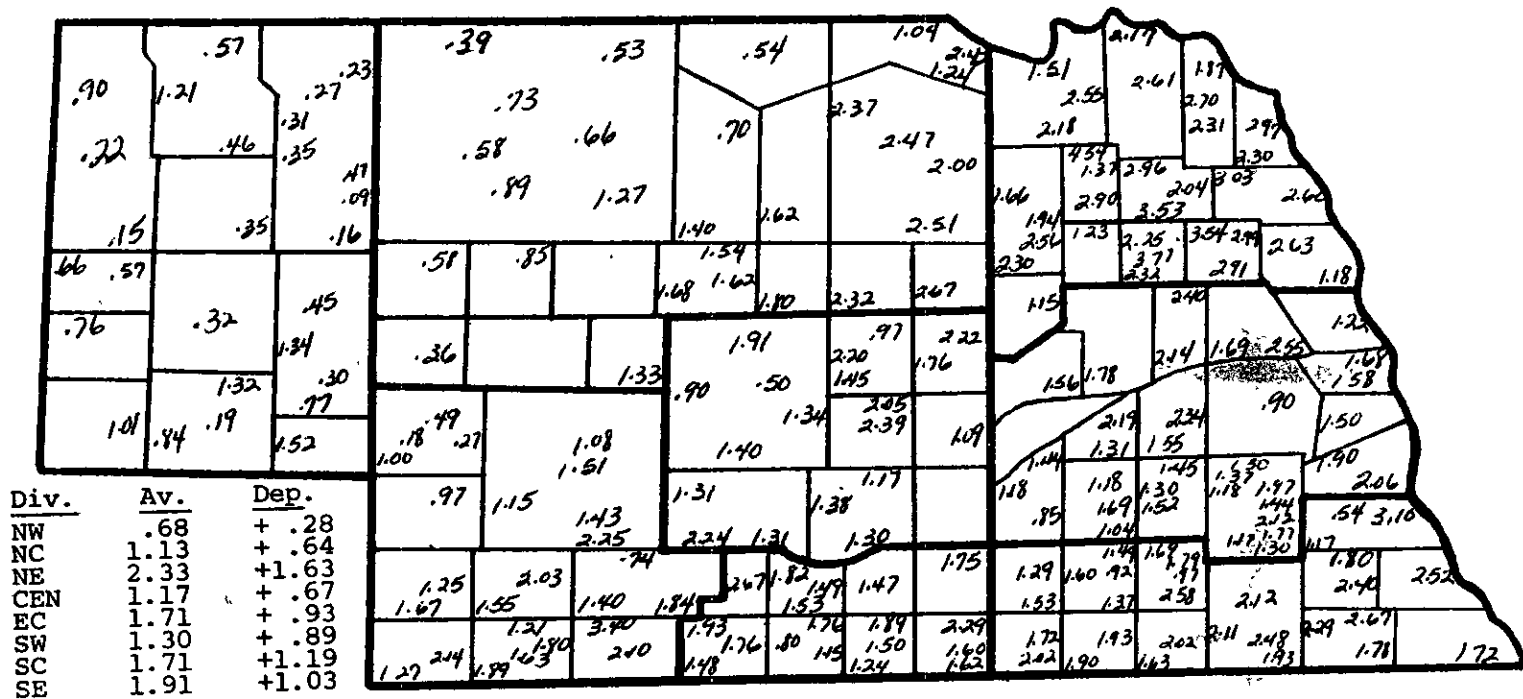
The mild January conditions have been good for livestock causing feed to go farther and put on more pounds. Crop residues have been utilized effectively in most areas except for the northeastern counties where snow cover has limited usage. Hay and forage supplies rated adequate or above in all parts of the State.

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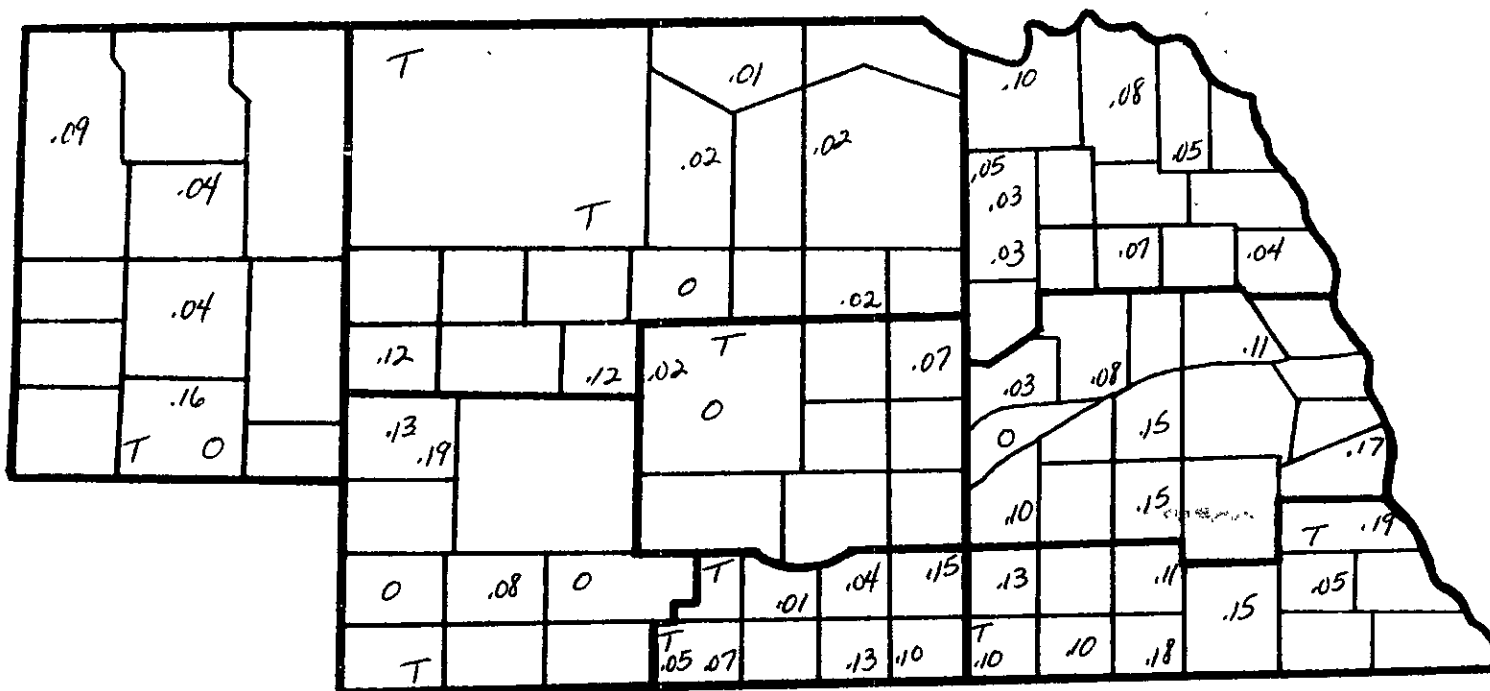
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1982 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1983



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1983

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	58	10	31	.10
	Scottsbluff	56	18	34	.07
	Sidney	58	20	34	0
NC	Ord	35	12	25	0
	Valentine	57	12	29	.08
NE	Norfolk	37	9	24	.06
	Sioux City	35	-1	22	.11
CEN	Grand Island	35	12	25	.25
EC	Lincoln	38	12	27	.64
	Omaha	38	4	25	.67
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	43	11	29	.19

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.